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In re Patent Application of:  
Kazuhiro Hirose et al.

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For: SOFT MAGNETIC MATERIAL AND  
POWDER MAGNETIC CORE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action of February 17, 2009, and prior to any action on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.